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Diocese of Calgary

Form of Service

for the

Consecration

of the

Pro-Cathedral Church of the Redeemer Calgary

to take place on

Trinity Sunday evening, May 22nd

A.D. 1910

Form of Service

Hymn from Robing Room to west end of Church.
Petition for Consecration, to be read by the Dean.

Bishop's Consent.

Procession to Chancel, singing Ps. xxiv.

Bishop: Dearly beloved in the Lord; forasmuch as devout and holy men, as well under the Law as under the Gospel, moved either by the secret inspiration of the Blessed Spirit, or by the express command of God, or by their own reason and sense of order and decency, have erected Houses for the public Worship of God, and separated them from all profane and common uses, in order to fill the minds of those who worship in them with greater reverence for His Glorious Majesty, and to affect their hearts with more devotion and humility in His Service, which pious works have been approved of and graciously accepted by our Heavenly Father; Let us not doubt but that He will also favourably approve our present purpose, of setting apart this place in solemn manner, for the performance of the several Offices of religious Worship; and let us faithfully and devoutly pray for His blessing on this our undertaking, and say:

The Dean: Lesser Litany.

Lord's Prayer.

"Prevent us, O Lord," &c.

First Lesson, I. Kings, viii., v. 12 to 30.

Magnificat.

Second Lesson, Rev. xxi., v. 1; xxii., v. 5; omitting v. 8 to 21 of chap. xxi.

Nunc Dimittis.

Apostles' Creed, Salutation, Versicles and Response.

The Bishop: O Eternal God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the Heaven of Heavens cannot contain much less the walls of Temples made with hands, and who yet hast been graciously pleased to promise Thine especial Presence in what ever place even two or three of Thy faithful servants shall assemble in Thy Name, to offer up their supplications and their praises to Thee; vouchsafe, O Lord, to be present with us who are here gathered together, to consecrate this place, with all humility and readiness of heart to the honour of Thy great Name; separating it from henceforth from all unhallowed, ordinary, and common uses and dedicating it entirely to Thy service, for reading therein Thy holy Word, for celebrating Thy holy Sacraments, for offering to Thy Glorious Majesty the sacrifice of Prayer and Thanksgiving, for blessing Thy people in Thy Name and for performing all other holy Ordinances which may be lawfully solemnized therein. Accept, O Lord, this service at our hands, and bless it with such success as may tend most to Thy glory and the salvation of Thy people, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O God, Who, to hallow to Thyself, Israel Thy first-born people didst shew to Thy servant Moses a pattern of the tabernacle in Mount Sinai: mercifully bedew with the grace of Thy heavenly unction and consecration this Altar set apart for celebrating the saving mysteries of our redemption that the offering thereupon sanctified by Thy grace may become the well-pleasing and sufficient sacrifice of the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ; and that the word made flesh may give us Himself in that Holy offering and become our everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, in whose honour we, Thine unworthy servants, invoking Thy Name do consecrate this Altar; mercifully and graciously hearken to our humble petitions, bless, hallow and sanctify it at our hands, and grant that the offerings on this table may be acceptable and pleasing unto Thee, and be ever bedewed with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit that as Thy servants make their prayers to Thee in this place Thou mayest always relieve their distress, heal their sicknesses, hearken to their entreaties, accept their vows; confirm their desires, and grant their petitions. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall receive in this place the blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ may come to that holy Ordinance with a penitent heart, true faith, and lively charity; that so eating spirituall^y the Body of Christ and drinking His Blood, and being filled with Thy Grace and heavenly Benediction, they may, to their great and endless comfort, obtain remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His Passion.

The Choir and Clergy go in procession to the Font, singing a Hymn.

The Bishop: Almighty God, hallow by Thy heavenly visitation and the radiance of Thy Holy Spirit this Font, which we dedicate unto Thee, that whosoever shall be baptized herein, being cleansed by the threefold washing, may of Thy bounty obtain the pardon of all their sins. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Regard, O Lord, the supplications of Thy servants; and grant, that whosoever shall be dedicated to Thee in this House by Baptism, may be sanctified by the Holy Ghost, delivered from Thy wrath and eternal death, and being made a living member of Christ's Church, may ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children. Amen.

Procession goes to the Bell, singing.

The Bishop: Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be called by the sound of this bell to Thine House of Prayer may enter into Thy gates with thanksgiving and into Thy Courts with praise; and finally may have a portion in the new song and among the harpers harping with their harps in Thine house not made with hands eternal in the heavens. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall by reason of sickness or any other necessity be so let and hindered that he cannot come into the house of the Lord, may in heart and mind thither ascend and have his share in the Communion of the Saints. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Procession goes to the Pulpit, singing.

The Bishop: "O, Almighty God: who dost enlighten the minds of Thy servants, with the knowledge of Thy Truth; bless, we beseech Thee, this pulpit and give unto those who shall stand herein the spirit of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and might that they may speak those things which belong unto eternal life; and grant that Thy people, taught in Thy ways, may so take heed what they hear, as to fulfil all wholesome precepts delivered to them, so that by the word of truth they may at length attain unto Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Who liveth and reigneth with the Father and the Holy Spirit ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Procession goes to the Lectern, singing.

The Bishop: O Thou, who by the mouth of Thy servant David hast said that Thy Word is perfect, converting the soul; give Thy blessing, we beseech Thee, upon this Lectern, and grant that what is read from it may drop as the rain and distil as the dew, that Thy children who hear it may thereby be made fruitful in good works. To Thy honour and glory, who livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that by Thy holy Word which shall be read and preached in this place, the hearers thereof may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same. Amen.

Procession goes to the Organ, singing.

The Bishop: O God, who by Thy servant David didst appoint for the Levites instruments of music of the Lord, to praise Thee, because Thy mercy endureth forever, graciously vouchsafe to receive at our hands this organ, which we dedicate unto Thy service, that we may sing our songs thereto all the days of our life in the House of the Lord; and grant us so to do with the spirit and with the understanding also, that we may be counted amongst them who shall sing the New Song before Thy Throne. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Procession goes to Chancel, singing.

The Bishop: Grant, O Lord, that they who in this place shall in their own persons renew the Promises and Vows made for them by their sureties at their Baptism, and thereupon be confirmed by the Bishop, may receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, and continue Thine for ever; and being preserved in the unity of Thy Church, may daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until they come to Thine everlasting kingdom. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever shall be joined together in this place in the holy Estate of Matrimony, may faithfully perform and keep the vow and covenant betwixt them made, and remain in perfect love and peace together unto their lives' end. Amen.

Procession goes to centre of Chancel, singing.

The Bishop: Grant, O Lord, that they who shall bring forth their dead into this place, may be so strengthened and comforted by Thy Grace that they may not be sorry as men without hope for them that sleep in Thee, but may render unto Thee hearty thanks for their brethren whom it hath pleased Thee to deliver before them out of the miseries of this sinful world; and, believing in Thy Son Jesus Christ, may commit their bodies to the ground in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Procession goes to Sanctuary, singing.

Grant, O Lord, that all such as have through Thy mercy, been preserved in the great danger of Childbirth, and shall come to this place, according to their bounden duty to give thee thanks for the same, may through Thy help both faithfully live and walk according to Thy will in this life present, and also be partakers of everlasting glory in the life to come. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, who of Thy divine providence hast appointed divers orders of ministers in Thy Church: give Thy grace, we humbly beseech Thee, to all those who are to be called to any office and administration in the same, and to replenish them with the truth of Thy doctrine and adorn them with innocency of life, that they may faithfully serve before Thee, to the glory of Thy great name and benefit of Thy Holy Church. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

O Almighty God, Who art ever adored by Thy holy angels, yet dost make men stewards of Thy Mysteries; bless, we beseech Thee, the life and work of Thy servants, the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese, and because without Thee, we are not able to please Thee, give us grace to grow in wisdom, purity, and love, in saintly life and a blessed service, and illuminate us with a true knowledge of Thy Word and Sacraments; that so, being made able ministers of the New Testament, we may serve Thee acceptably in this work, to Thy honour and glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that whosoever in this place shall confess their sins, and pray unto Thee, and praise Thy Name, may be kept by Thy Holy Spirit from all wandering thoughts and worldly and carnal imaginations: let their prayers and praises ascend into Thy Presence as the incense, and may the lifting up of their hands be as the evening sacrifice. Purify their hearts, cleanse their minds, sanctify their spirits; have compassion on their infirmities, that their prayers may be acceptable unto Thee, and that what they faithfully ask, they may, for Christ's sake, effectually obtain. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that all who worship Thee within this place may themselves be temples of the Holy Ghost, in whom Thou wilt dwell for evermore. All which we beg for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest upon this House for ever and ever. Amen.

Then, the Bishop sitting in his chair, the sentence of Consecration will be read by the Chancellor, and signed by the Bishop and by him ordered to be enrolled and preserved amongst the muniments in the Registry.

The Te Deum.

The Sermon by the Bishop.

Closing Prayer.

Blessed be Thy Name, O Lord God, for that it pleaseth Thee to have Thy habitation among the sons of men upon earth, and to dwell in the midst of the assembly of the saints upon earth; accept, we beseech Thee, our offerings this day; and grant that in this place, now set apart to Thy Glory, in this city and throughout this land, Thy Holy Name may be worshipped in truth and purity to all generations. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Blessing.



